

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete application for water pollution control discharge permit, NEV2002516, from the following applicant:

Merriwether's Pit Stop Pots and Septic Service
Bill and Sherri Merriwether
P.O. Box 114
Yerington, Nevada 89447

The Applicant proposes to land apply up to 0.0010 million gallons per day, 30-day average discharge, of domestic septage and grease trap material to forty acres of nutrient deficient agricultural land at the Moreda Dairy, approximately 5 miles southwest of Wabuska, Lyon County, Nevada. Domestic septage and grease trap material must be incorporated into the soil within six hours of land application. The rate of land application will be limited by the nitrogen uptake rate of the crop grown, currently planned to be rye.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a permit, NEV2002516, to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

Comments or objections must be received within the thirty (30) day comment period, which begins on the date of this publication. Comments and/or hearing requests postmarked or received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. December 22, 2002 will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9423, or at bholmgre@ndep.state.nv.us. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684.